

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING THE LEADERSHIP AND LEGACY OF SERGEANT IAN G. TAYLOR

**HON. LORI TRAHAN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2024*

Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the tremendous contributions and legacy of Sergeant Ian Taylor, a respected law enforcement officer and community leader who dedicated his life to public service. He tragically passed away in the line of duty on April 26, 2024.

Ian was born in Methuen, MA, in 1974 to Wayne Taylor and Sandy Crane. His parents raised him and his three brothers, Danny, Zack, and Cameron to always be kind and respectful, and instilled in them a sense of community. In 1997, Ian married the love of his life, Mindy. Together, they raised their two children, Nathan and Kylee, who they taught the values of family and community that Ian treasured so dearly.

Ian's dedication to law enforcement began by watching his father who proudly worked as a police officer for the City of Lawrence. Ian would eagerly follow in his father's footsteps by joining the Lawrence Police Department in 2003. He continued his career briefly with the Wilmington Police Department and ultimately landed at the Billerica Police Department, where Sergeant Taylor served for 12 years until his passing.

As a Detective for the Billerica Police Department, much of his time was spent assigned to a federal drug taskforce. Ian's dedication to assisting those struggling with substance abuse was evident through his tireless efforts with the Billerica Substance Awareness Prevention Committee, where he served as a leading member. Throughout his life, Ian was the recipient of numerous recognitions for his heroics in our community. Most notably he received a Medal of Commendation from the Watertown Fire Department for his bravery and lifesaving efforts at the scene of an accident in 2018.

Beyond his professional achievements, Ian was known to all for his kind disposition, ever-present grin, and the love he shared for his family and his community. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to someone in need or use his sharp wit and sense of humor to raise the spirits of those around him. One of his greatest achievements was the ability to always put a smile on his wife and children's faces. He was involved in every aspect of their lives, always present at extracurriculars to cheer on Nathan and Kylee, and eager to enjoy life's simple moments together. He was happiest with them by his side and took on the job of their role model and protector with the utmost pride.

Ian was known for his love of his family and friends, the kindness he showed to those around him, and his profound commitment to creating and inspiring positive change. His leg-

acy is one that will be unforgettable and everlasting in our Commonwealth. My heart goes out to Mindy, Kylee, Nathan, and the entire Taylor family during this difficult time. Ian's legacy will live on through his loving family and all who had the honor of knowing him.

### TRIBUTE TO PASTOR GEORGE PHILLIP WINDLEY, SR.

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2024*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a trusted leader, pillar of our community, and beloved friend. Pastor George Phillip Windley, Sr. transitioned from this life on Friday, May 17, 2024. Though he may no longer walk among us, his spirit will forever live on in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Pastor Windley was born on July 23, 1949, in Horry County, South Carolina to George William Windley and Annie Bell Moore Windley. A graduate of Horry County public schools and Whitemore High School, he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Bachelor of Divinity from Morris College in Sumter, South Carolina. He furthered his spiritual education at Colgate Divinity School in Rochester, New York, and would go on to complete five units of Clinical Pastoral education throughout his career and receive an Honorary Doctor of Divinity from Morris College.

Pastor Windley's journey to service led him to serve in the United States Navy during the Vietnam conflict from 1969 to 1971. He fulfilled his calling to the ministry in 1978 and began preaching at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, where he would serve as Reverend for 43 years. The impact of Pastor Windley's dedication to preaching the Good Word reverberated throughout our state, inspiring generations of South Carolinians.

Moreover, Pastor Windley's legacy extends far beyond the pulpit. He served as founder and President of the Clarendon County Ministerial Alliance, a member of the Baptist E&M Convention and National Baptist Convention, and an instructor for the S.C. Baptist Congress of Christian Education and Morris College School of Religion. Pastor Windley also served as the first African American senior chaplain with the South Carolina Department of Corrections, exemplifying his leadership and compassion in challenging environments.

Throughout his illustrious career, Pastor Windley not only served as a shepherd of souls but also as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Pastor Windley married the former Linda Galloway. They are the humble parents of three children, Reverend George P. Windley, Jr., Pastor of First Baptist Missionary Church; Dr. Belinda W. McCoy; and Mark Anthony Windley. They were also blessed with several grandchildren. His family stands as a testament to his values and priorities, embody-

ing the love and strength that characterized his ministry.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in remembering the life of Pastor George Phillip Windley, Sr. May his family and loved ones find comfort in the knowledge that his legacy will endure, and may they be granted the Lord's richest blessings in the days ahead.

### CELEBRATING THE OLDEST LIVING GIRL SCOUT, LENORE "GUNDY" COSTELLO

**HON. SCOTT FRANKLIN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2024*

Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Winter Haven's Lenore "Gundy" Costello, who is now the oldest living Girl Scout at 107 years old.

Gundy's upbringing of helping on her family's farm in rural Ohio cultivated her love for the outdoors. She always successfully balanced farmwork and schoolwork, finishing as her high school's salutatorian. Gundy went on to receive degrees in sociology and biology from Heidelberg University, before working as the executive director of her local American Cross office. It was during that time she met her husband, Boy Scout leader and travel partner, George Costello.

In 1942, Gundy and George moved to Florida, where she began her impactful Girl Scouts career. For over 40 years, she served as the executive director for the Heart of Florida Girl Scout Council, which covered the territory between Lake Placid and Ocala. On behalf of the Girl Scouts, Gundy was selected to travel to the West Indies to share about the organization. She even helped found the well-known Camp Wildwood, a six-hundred-acre Girl Scout camp. Gundy was recognized for her incredible work with the Girl Scouts at the 2023 National Council Session of Girl Scouts USA in Orlando.

At age 100, Gundy retired completely, though not from her lifelong mission of helping others—knitting hats for chemo patients in her spare time. She lives out the organization's mission of fostering "forever friendships" and remains close with her troop to this day. Just last month, Gundy and the Frostproof Girl Scouts gathered for the dedication of their newly renovated "Frostproof Little House," where Gundy gave remarks and recalled her fond memories. Today, her Girl Scout friends regularly write and call to catch up and reminisce about their adventures.

Mr. Speaker, Gundy's servant heart is an inspiration to all of us. I ask my colleagues to Join me—and all of Florida's Heartland—in saying, thank you.

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HONORING SILVANA SALCIDO  
ESPARZA

**HON. GREG STANTON**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2024*

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the lifetime achievement of Silvana Salcido Esparza, a nationally celebrated chef, restaurateur, and civil rights leader.

Chef Silvana grew up in a multi-generational Mexican-American household in California's Central Valley. She learned to cook at her grandmother's side and founded her first food business—selling carnitas and tacos out of her parent's bakery—at just 15 years old, before attending culinary school. Chef Silvana traveled widely throughout Mexico as a young woman, sampling regional cuisine and speaking to chefs about recipes that had been passed down for generations. She settled in Arizona in 2002, where she opened her first restaurant, Barrio Café. Chef Silvana's elevated and inspired takes on regional Mexican cuisine quickly attracted notice. In 2004, just two years after Barrio Café opened its doors, she was inducted into the Arizona Culinary Hall of Fame. A seven-time James Beard semifinalist for Best Chef Southwest and a 2023 semifinalist for Outstanding Chef, she has earned features in *Latino* and *Esquire* magazines, *Diners Drive-Ins and Dives*, and NBC's *Today Show*. Barrio Café has hosted celebrities and U.S. presidents bringing all of Arizona closer together over its dining tables.

For Chef Silvana, cooking has always been an act of love for her community and her heritage. Through Barrio Café, she fostered a deeper appreciation and understanding of Mexican cuisine in Phoenix. From transporting key ingredients from Mexico to crafting flavorful dishes from family recipes, Chef Silvana created an ode who she most admires: Mexican women who cook. As a female chef in a male-dominated industry, she has mentored up-and-coming Phoenix chefs and continues to inspire young chefs across the country.

Moreover, her food has fueled community-driven activism. A proud member of the LGBTQ community, Chef Silvana has been outspoken against the waves of anti-LGBTQ sentiment. In the wake of Arizona's disastrous anti-immigrant law, SB1070, Chef Silvana brought paletas to counter-protestors and founded "Calle 16: A Mural Project", in which murals painted on the sides of Barrio Café and other Phoenix businesses highlighted the experiences of being Mexican American. During the Covid-19 pandemic, as restaurants across the state shut their doors, she repurposed her kitchens to prepare packaged meals for people experiencing homelessness for health care workers, and anyone else who needed a hot meal.

There are few people in Phoenix history who have left a greater mark on our community. This summer, after 22 years, Barrio Café will close its doors—but I know we haven't seen the last of Chef Silvana. I wish her the best of luck in this new chapter.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
ROMAN KUALAPAI

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2024*

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Roman Kualapai's service to our Nation.

Roman was born on June 4, 2001 in Antioch, California. He graduated from Pittsburg High School in 2019 and enlisted in the United States Navy following his graduation. Roman attended boot camp in Great Lakes, Illinois then went to "A" school for his rate as Aviation Ordinance (AO) in Pensacola, Florida.

For the past five years, Roman has served our nation in the Indo-Pacific region where he was attached to the USS *Ronald Reagan* and was also with Squadron VFA 102 Diamondbacks. He achieved the rank of Aviation Ordinance 3rd class Petty Officer, Aviation Welfare. In recognition of his superior performance, Roman received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal in April 2023. He was honorably discharged on May 14, 2024.

As Roman returns home to California, he plans to join Plumbers and Pipefitters UA Local 342, carrying on his family's tradition as a third generation 342 member. Please join me in welcoming Roman home and honoring him for his invaluable service to our Nation.

COMMEMORATING ONE HUNDRED  
YEARS OF BOY SCOUTS OF  
AMERICA TROOP 513

**HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2024*

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Boy Scouts of America Troop 513 upon their Centennial Celebration. One hundred years ago, First Presbyterian Church in East Aurora offered to sponsor the new troop, known then as Troop 13. Generations of young men from East Aurora and the surrounding area have been well served by the lifelong skills learned during their time with Troop 513. Notably, this troop has produced over one hundred and seventy Eagle Scouts during their long history. I am incredibly proud of this culture of service that has been longstanding in our community.

On Saturday, May 25, 2024, Troop 513 will be hosting a celebration of this historic anniversary at American Legion Post 362 in East Aurora, where they will recall one-hundred years of scouting within the Town of Aurora and Western New York.

On behalf of the United States Congress and the constituents of New York's 23rd Congressional District, I congratulate the current and former members of Troop 513, both present at this celebration and leading their communities throughout the country.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE HUDSON RIVER  
CLEARWATER SLOOP

**HON. PATRICK RYAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2024*

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of the Hudson River Clearwater Sloop—a champion of environmental activism and education that has sailed the Hudson since 1969.

Inspired by folk legend Pete Seeger, the Clearwater Sloop was born out of a deep commitment to protecting the Hudson River, Seeger, alongside his wife Toshi and a cadre of fellow musicians, created a replica of the historic sloops that once sailed the river. Their mission: to let residents experience the beauty of their river and be moved to preserve it.

Throughout its history, the Clearwater has consistently stood as a steward of the Hudson River. In 1970, it set sail for Washington, D.C., with thousands of petitions in support of the federal Clean Water Act. This historic voyage is credited with playing a pivotal role in the adoption of this historic legislation.

From successful campaigns against the Storm King Mountain power plant, standing up against pollution caused by PCB dumping from General Electric, to the thousands of students throughout my district who for generations have learned about the river through their educational programming, the Clearwater has been a beacon of advocacy, education, and it has helped shepherd in the modern environmental movement.

Today, despite its legacy, the future of the Clearwater is uncertain. Financial strain compounded by the challenges from the pandemic threatens to put a ship listed on the National Register of Historic Places out of commission. Despite this threat, hope remains high.

Together with the support of my constituents and the efforts of my office, we are working to not just save the Clearwater but also continue its mission. Last week, the House of Representatives passed my bill, the "Hudson River Protection Act." This vital legislation is yet another example of the challenges and work that lie ahead to ensure that we protect clean drinking water in the Hudson Valley.

As we recognize the work and legacy of Clearwater, I will end today with a line from a song written by its founder "Some day, though maybe not this year/My Hudson River will once again run clear."

HONORING CLAUDIUS BRITTON II  
AND HIS SON CLAUDIUS  
BRITTON III

**HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2024*

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Claudius Britton II and his son, Claudius Britton III, both of whom demonstrated exceptional bravery and patriotism in their service to our nation during its founding years. Claudius II served during the American Revolutionary War, and Claudius III during the War of 1812.

This Memorial Day Weekend, the Huron Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American